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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS ROUNDUP: AFRICA

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1. ANGOLA: LARA TO PEKING: MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

LUCIO LARA ARRIVED LISBON MAY 28 EN ROUTE TO PEKING. LARA

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SAID DELEGATION CONSISTING OF MPLA YOUTH AND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SPECIALIZED DEPARTMENTS WILL CONSULT WITH GOP IN LISBON. LARA STATED MPLA OPTIMISTIC THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS WILL REACH BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING DURING FUTURE TALKS AND EVENTUAL ELECTION. LARA NOTED MPLA SUPPORT FOR MIXED ARMY AND VOICED DISGUST WITH PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY GOP HIGH COMMISSIONER SILVA CARDOSO. ON SUBJECT OF PEKING JOURNEY, LARA SAID CHINA WAS FIRST FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AND NOTED PEKING'S SUPPORT FOR FNLA.

2. ANGOLA: ISSUE BEFORE GOP. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES PRESIDED OVER MAY 28 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PLENARY SESSION CONVENED TO DISCUSS ANGOLAN SITUATION. COUNCIL HEARD BRIEFING BY MEMBERS OF COORDINATING COMMISSION OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT PROGRAM. SOCIALIST MINISTERS ATTENDED, HAVING ANNOUNCED IN MAY 27 COMMUNIQUE THAT THEY WOULD SUSPEND BOYCOTT OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF ANGOLAN PROBLEM.

3. AID FOR GUINEA-BISSAU: MAY 26 MEETING OF GOP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED LOAN OF 200,000 CONTOS (APPROX \$US 8 MILLION) TO GUINEA-BISSAU AS PROPOSED BY NATIONAL DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION. FINAL ACTION ON LOAN IS EXPECTED IN JUNE.

4. COMMENT: SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES RECENTLY CRITICIZED GOP FOR NOT BRINGING ANGOLAN DECOLONIZATION PROBLEM BEFORE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR DISCUSSION (SEE REFTEL). QUICK RESPONSE TO SOCIALIST CRITICISM AGAIN DEMONSTRATES SENSITIVITY TO ANGOLAN ISSUE IN UPPER ECHELONS OF GOP. CARLUCCI

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